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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: EMERGENCY AID TO EGYPT

REF: (A) TOKYO 10476, (B) STATE 177515, (C) STATE 162867,
(D) STATE 179564.

1. JAPANESE AMBASSADOR CALLING ON UNDER SECRETARY
ROBINSON AT EMBASSY REQUEST THURSDAY MORNING. MEANWHILE
EMBASSY SHOULD DEFER MAKING PRESENTATION TO FOREIGN
OFFICE REQUESTED BY REF B. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS, IF
REQUIRED, WILL BE DISPATCHED FOLLOWING AMBASSADOR'S CALL.

2. AGREE THAT ISSUE OF ADDITIONALITY OF NEW AID PACKAGE
WAS NOT MADE CLEAR AT SUFFICIENTLY EARLY STAGE AND THAT
GOJ CAN TAKE POSITION THAT ENTIRE \$75 MILLION OUTSTANDING
COMMITMENT COULD BE ARGUED TO BE NEW AID INASMUCH AS LOAN
AGREEMENT HAS NEVER BEEN SIGNED. DEPARTMENT'S CONCERN
IS THAT EGYPTIANS WILL REGARD JAPANESE CONTRIBUTION OF
\$100 MILLION CONSISTING OF \$25 MILLION IN NEW COMMITMENT
AND BELATED LENDING OF \$75 MILLION FROM OLD COMMITMENT
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AS A SHELL-GAME. THIS REACTION WILL BE PARTICULARLY

PREDICTABLE IF THERE IS ANY QUALIFICATION OR CONSIDERABLE DELAY ASSOCIATED WITH THE \$25 MILLION IN THIS PACKAGE. UNDER SECRETARY WILL DISCUSS THIS WITH AMBASSADOR BUT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT EMBASSY'S CONCERN THAT INSISTENCE ON A LARGER PROPORTION OF NEW AID WILL BE COUNTER PRODUCTIVE AT THIS STAGE.

3. EMBASSY'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON QUESTIONS POSED BY FOREIGN OFFICE WERE ANSWERED IN REF D WHICH CROSSED REF A IN TRANSMISSION. DEPARTMENT UNAWARE OF ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY GOJ.

4. AS TO EMBASSY'S VIEW THAT FOREIGN OFFICE HAS BEEN HANDICAPPED BY ABSENCE OF DONORS' MEETING, PURPOSE OF MEETING HELD AT IBRD JULY 10 (REF C) WAS TO MEET THIS JAPANESE NEED. SEE PARA 5 OF REF C. EMBASSY DOES NOT REFER THIS TELEGRAM, RAISING QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER IT WAS RECEIVED. HOWEVER, JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICERS STATE TAT THEY REPORTED MEETING FULLY TO TOKYO. INGERSOLL

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